



Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

HHS ACTION # 405  
AFS # 42095 50035

4530 Bath Pike  
Bethlehem, PA 18017  
October 20, 1998

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Elementis Pigments Inc  
1525 Wood Avenue  
Easton, PA 18042-3186

Attn.: Willard Kocher  
Environmental Coordinator



Gentlemen:

**NOTICE OF VIOLATION**

A facility site visit and annual operating permit inspection was conducted at your facility on October 19, 1998 for your Department Air Quality Operating Permit No. 48-313-077. The permit covers the facility's charge floor handling system and associated air pollution control equipment. During the time of the inspection, approximately 1020 am, excessive fugitive emissions were detected emanating from openings in a small enclosure above the charge floor. The openings allowed fugitive dust being generated from the charge floor operations to escape uncontrolled, directly to atmosphere. This issue was also addressed in my inspection report completed at the site, copy provided to facility during inspection.

The above listed incident was determined to be a violation of the provisions of 25 PA Code §127.444, pertaining to the operation of an air contamination source in a manner inconsistent with good operating practices (copy enclosed) and 25 PA Code §123.1, pertaining to the generation of fugitive emissions from an air contamination source. The Department requests that on or before November 2, 1998, you submit in writing to the letterhead address, the cause(s) for the violations described in this letter, the steps you have taken or will take to abate the violations and your plans for preventing similar violations in the future. A follow-up inspection will also be conducted after this date to determine the compliance status of this source's operation.



This notice of violation does not waive, either expressly or by implication, the power or authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to prosecute for any and all violations of law arising prior to or after the issuance of this notice of violation or the conditions upon which the notice of violation is based. This notice of violation shall not be construed so as to waive or impair any rights of the Department of Environmental Protection, heretofore or hereafter existing.

This notice of violation shall also not be construed as a final action of the Department of Environmental Protection.

If you have any further questions on this matter, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

Edward J. Werkheiser  
Air Quality Specialist  
Air Quality Program

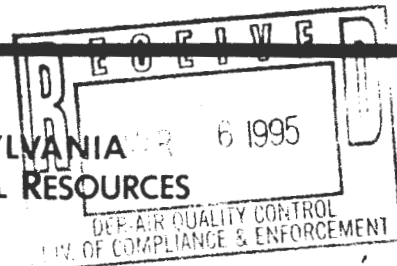
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CC: Scott Kepner  
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Potential Significant Violator File



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES

4530 Bath Pike  
Bethlehem, PA 18017  
February 28, 1995



Bethlehem District Office

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Harcros Pigments, Inc.  
1525 Wood Avenue  
Easton, PA 18042

Attention: Mr. David Angstadt

Gentlemen:

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

On February 16, 1995, Eric Garner, a member of the Department's Emergency Response Team, confirmed a malodor emanating from the Harcros Pigment Inc.'s Easton facility. A copy of the emergency response report is enclosed. This report also includes the general vicinity in which the complaint originated. The malodors were detected to the south and west of the plant and off the facility's property. This is a violation of 25 PA Code 123.31(b), which states no person may permit the emission of a malodorous air contaminant into the atmosphere, in such a manner that the malodors are detectable outside the property of the person where the malodors are being generated. A copy of this regulation is also enclosed.

The Department requests a response to this Notice of Violation outlining the reason for the violation, what is being done to correct the problem and what controls will be taken to prevent the problem from occurring in the future. Controls could include, but not be limited to the installation of a propane burner on neutralization tank #11. Please submit this outline to the letterhead address by March 15, 1995.

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CC: Ron Yablonsky  
John Clarke